

# NAUTILUS POMPILIUS.

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## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Animal* (Rumph. mus. t. 17. f. B.)

*Testa* univalvis isthmis perforatis concamerata,  
polythalamia.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 1161.

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

NAUTILUS testæ apertura cordata, anfractibus  
obtusis lævibus.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* Gmel. p. 3369.

Cochlea margaritifera.

*Rondel. aq.* p. 97.

NAUTILUS major erassus.

*Rumph. mus.* t. 17. f. A. C.

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Non possit non contemplantis animum percellere, quæ leviter interdum variata per universum genus pervadit Nautili Pompilii interna conformatio; cujus singula camera seu divisio eum illa quæ proxime adjacet, tubulo brevi et aperto connectitur, cellula prima et præcipua, cæteris multo ampliore, habitaculum, ut videtur, corpori animalis incolentis præbente;

bente; cujus animalis vera natura usque in hunc diem non satis accurate explorata est. Licet inditum sit huic testæ nomen *Nautili* genericum, non tamen in aquis navigare potest Pompilius, more istius quæ *Argonauta Argo*, seu *Nautilus papyraceus* communiter nominatur; cum qua tamen a nonnullis scriptoribus confundi videtur: Crescere non raro solet in magnam molem *Nautilus Pompilius*, in mari-bus Indicis præcipue repertus.





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THE  
GREAT NAUTILUS.



*GENERIC CHARACTER.*

*Animal* not perfectly known.

*Shell* univalve, divided internally into a great many concentric cells, communicating by short tubes.

*SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.*

Whitish NAUTILUS with yellow-brown transverse bands, smooth spires, and cordated aperture.

The great pearly NAUTILUS.

The Chambered NAUTILUS.

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The curious structure of this shell, (and which also runs, with some variation, thro' the whole genus,) cannot be contemplated without admiration; each cell or camera communicating with the next by a small and short open tube, the first or principal cell being far larger than the rest, and appearing destined to contain the chief part or body of the inhabiting animal, the nature of which is not yet properly understood. The Nautilus Pompilius is a native

native of the Indian seas, and frequently arrives at a very considerable size. Notwithstanding its title, the Nautilus does not possess the power of sailing on the surface in the manner of the Argonauta Argo, or Paper-Nautilus, with which it sometimes appears to be confounded in the works of authors.